

There is something called the American Rescue Plan that President Joe Biden brought before Congress. The American Rescue Plan was his first offering. We had done things before in light of the pandemic. I remember them well. It was March of 2020. We had the American CARES Act.

The American CARES Act—there was virtually unanimous, bipartisan support for a policy that was written by President Trump as well as Members of Congress. We stood together, and I am glad we did, because we were going into a pandemic, the likes of which America has not seen for 100 years. It was a dramatic investment in people, in resources, and in businesses to keep America safe through that pandemic, and it worked.

At the end of the year of 2020, we had another bill—this bill was about \$900 billion—to once again help deal with unemployment compensation, loans for businesses, help for families, ways to help schools reopen. We voted again unanimously—virtually unanimously—on a bipartisan basis.

So in the Trump administration, when it came to coming together as a nation, Democrats stood with Republicans. Democrats even stood with a Republican President for the good of the Nation. I was proud of what we did. I can't imagine what America would have been like without it.

Then came the election. All bets were off. Everything changed. After the election and the Big Lie, where President Trump raced around the country—still does—claiming that he truly won the election and having no proof or evidence to that fact, we noticed a souring of this bipartisanship when it came to dealing with the pandemic.

Then came the American Rescue Plan by President Biden, the new President, who wanted to address issues that still were troubling America in light of the pandemic. What happened then when we called the American Rescue Plan? Where was the bipartisanship that we had seen during the Trump years? Completely gone. Not one single Republican Senator, including the Senator from Florida, was willing to stand up and vote for Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan; not one Member of the Republican Party in the House of Representatives.

So what was it that was in the American Rescue Plan that was so objectionable that not a single Republican would vote for it? Well, there were some ideas that turned out to be vital.

One of them was to put enough money into the Biden administration so that these lifesaving vaccines could be distributed around the United States of America and people could finally get a shot in the arm and save their lives by it. That was one of the things the Republicans weren't willing to vote for, but it wasn't the only one. We proceeded to give loans to businesses again so that they could open up and rehire their employees. Not a single Republican would vote to support

that. We have \$1,400 being sent to each and every family in America—a promise made by President Trump, kept by President Biden—and not a single Republican would vote to support that as well.

When you go through the list of things that we did in the American Rescue Plan, they were valuable.

One of them was a tax cut for families, families with children—a tax cut which started just a couple of weeks ago. Tax cuts used to be the war cry of the Republican Party, but when it came to tax cuts for children, not a single Republican Senator would vote for it—not one. And now they come and they argue: This Joe Biden's plan just isn't working.

Well, I will tell you what is working. We have about 50 or 60 percent of Americans vaccinated with at least one shot at this point. I hope we have more so we can put this pandemic behind us. We have done it because we had a plan to distribute this vaccine across America and still do. That was something America needed, and not a single Republican Senator would vote for it—not one.

I can't understand their thinking on this. They have lots of criticism about President Biden, but when it came to the parts of his program that really made a difference when America needed it, not a single one of them would join us.

Wouldn't it be good to get back to bipartisanship, such as the bill that we are going to be debating on the floor, the bipartisan infrastructure bill, which the Senator from Florida does not support, he said?

This notion of bipartisanship appears to be very troubling and difficult for many of my Republican colleagues, but we have a chance here because 16 Republicans, the night before last, cast a vote in favor of moving forward to really have an opportunity to do something significant for this country and its economy.

An investment in infrastructure is an investment in the future of this country. I hope that the Republicans will join us to see this completed in the next few days so we can move on to other considerations of elements that might be good in this recovery. But we need their help.

To have Republican Senators come to the floor, refuse to vote for the American Rescue Plan, and criticize even this bipartisan effort, is a suggestion that they didn't get the message: America is looking for us to cooperate, to come together to solve problems, not just to create political headlines.

We will have a chance, and I hope we do soon, to vote for this bill. I think it is an important bill that is going to revitalize this country and keep the economy on the move.

VOTE ON JADDOU NOMINATION

Before I yield the floor, I ask unanimous consent that all remaining time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Jaddou nomination?

Mr. DURBIN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. BLACKBURN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) would have voted "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 34, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 290 Ex.]

YEAS—47

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schatz
Booker	Kelly	Schumer
Brown	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cantwell	Leahy	Sinema
Cardin	Lujan	Smith
Carper	Manchin	Stabenow
Casey	Markey	Tester
Coons	Menendez	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murphy	Warnock
Durbin	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NAYS—34

Blunt	Fischer	Portman
Boozman	Graham	Romney
Braun	Grassley	Scott (FL)
Capito	Hawley	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Hoeven	Shelby
Collins	Hyde-Smith	Sullivan
Cornyn	Kennedy	Thune
Cotton	Lankford	Toomey
Cramer	Lee	Wicker
Crapo	Lummis	Young
Cruz	McConnell	
Ernst	Murkowski	

NOT VOTING—19

Barrasso	Johnson	Rubio
Blackburn	King	Sanders
Burr	Marshall	Sasse
Daines	Moran	Tillis
Feinstein	Paul	Tuberville
Hagerty	Risch	
Inhofe	Rounds	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MURPHY). On this vote the yeas are 47, the nays are 34.

The nomination is confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The Senator from Michigan.

REMEMBERING CARL LEVIN

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today, I stand here with colleagues—my partner, Senator PETERS, and, of course, Senator REED and other colleagues—to pay tribute to an incredible leader and my dear friend who dedicated his life to serving the people of his beloved State of Michigan and this Nation—Senator Carl Levin.

Senator Carl Levin was many things: a crusader for truth and justice, in the real sense of the word; a man of strong convictions; a mentor to so many of us.

He was a Senator's Senator and a tireless advocate every day—every day—for the people of Michigan.

He was also my friend, and it was truly an honor of a lifetime for me to represent Michigan alongside Carl Levin for 14 years of his 36 years that he served in the Senate.

Thirty-six years is a long time, but Senator Levin remained effective and at the same time humble right up until the final day he served. That is because integrity never goes out of style and Senator Carl Levin never wavered in his dedication to do what was right—what was right for the people of Michigan and our country.

Perhaps he will be remembered most—although there are so many things—for his incredible leadership on the Armed Services Committee. Patriotism was a lot more than a flag pin or a pledge to Carl Levin. He understood more than anybody what it takes to defend our Nation. Perhaps no one has done more to ensure that our men and women in uniform are battle ready with the supplies and technology that they need and the fair pay and benefits they have earned.

In fact, Senator Levin worked so hard on behalf of our military that he received a Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service. There is a suite of offices at the Pentagon named after him, and there is a naval destroyer currently being built in Maine that will probably bear his name: the USS *Carl M. Levin*. It was so inspiring to be with him during the naming ceremony in Detroit back in 2016.

It is fitting that he should be honored in this way because Carl Levin always believed that our government could be a force for good. This belief was passed down to him from his parents, who saw firsthand how the New Deal rescued families from desperate poverty.

A young Carl Levin admired Harry S. Truman, especially Senator Truman, who drove cross-country investigating

defense contractors who were committing fraud and wasting billions of dollars. I think Truman himself would have been incredibly impressed with Carl's leadership of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

A former civil rights attorney, Carl Levin relished the chance to cross-examine those he suspected of ripping off taxpayers and the public. His committee room was never a literal trial by fire, but he certainly turned up the heat on unscrupulous executives, special interests, or anybody who tried to get rich at the expense of everyday Americans. Those executives were sweating because they knew that Senator Levin had done his homework. He would dig so deep that he knew more about what they were going to say than they would.

Carl Levin could topple a tycoon with nothing more than a stack of subpoenaed documents. And we saw him do it. In 2007, he shined a light on abusive practices by credit card companies, leading to laws that required more transparency. Even today, your credit card statement contains more disclosures and more information, thanks to Senator Carl Levin.

His fellow Michiganders got to see a kinder, gentler side of Carl as well, and I know we did as colleagues. And I will never forget how his eyes sparkled when he smiled, with his glasses down on the end of his nose.

His heart was always in Detroit, where he was born and raised and lived his entire life. Meanwhile, his soul was nourished by the tranquility he found in beautiful northern Michigan in the Upper Peninsula, especially Isle Royale.

Carl helped Detroit make one of the most spectacular comebacks in American history, and everywhere you look, you can see evidence of his hard work. The Levin Center at Wayne State Law teaches future attorneys and business leaders and lawmakers and public servants how legislative oversight can be a tool for change and a force for good. He led the way on getting Federal funding for Detroit's beautiful International RiverWalk, which, today, features 3 miles of parks, nature areas, and breathtaking waterfront views.

In the midst of the Great Recession, we worked together closely to rescue our American auto industry, which for years had been battered by the forces of globalization. Carl Levin understood that manufacturing is the backbone of our State's economy and that our country needs to make things in order to have them.

As a member of the Small Business Committee, Carl also understood the importance of small business. In fact, in getting dressed today, I was looking at what I could wear that would symbolize Detroit, and I picked out a necklace that reminds me of what motivated Carl in Detroit with small businesses.

Amy Peterson is a Detroit entrepreneur who wanted to empower

women who have employment barriers, and Senator PETERS and I have both visited her shop. So, in 2013, she created Rebel Nell jewelry out of graffiti that had fallen off of walls on the sides of buildings. Today, she is incredibly successful, and she is empowering and employing women throughout the Detroit area.

Carl loved efforts like that. He championed small businesses, folks who wanted to—one after the other, have an idea and get it going.

Carl also understood that our landscape, our soil, our water are part of our Michigan way of life. That is why he pushed for years to have land at Sleeping Bear Dunes protected as wilderness—our beautiful dunes.

Senator Levin fought for the National Marine Sanctuary at Thunder Bay in Alpena and for the creation of the Keweenaw National Historic Park. It was an honor partnering with him in every single fight to protect our Great Lakes.

I can stand here for hours listing Senator Carl Levin's accomplishments, but they still only are a small testament to his character, his compassion, his humor, his strength of conviction.

President Truman once said:

Make no little plans. [Make no little plans.] Make the biggest one you can think of and spend the rest of your life carrying it out.

Senator Carl Levin lived those words every day. He wanted to make our State and our country the best it can be, and he spent his life doing everything he could to make that happen.

I wish his beloved wife and life partner Barbara; his brother and best friend Sandy; his nephew and our colleague ANDY LEVIN; his wonderful daughters Kate, Laura, and Erica; his grandchildren; and all of the family my deepest condolences and profound gratitude for your willingness to share this great man with all of us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of a true lion of the U.S. Senate, Michigan Senator Carl Levin. Yesterday, he passed away at the age of 87, surrounded by his loving family.

Carl was well known as a fierce advocate for Michigan and a force of nature in the Senate, but the most important thing to him was his family. He cherished his role as a brother, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather. And I know his family and his loved ones are all reeling from this enormous loss. I along with folks all across the State of Michigan are praying for them during this very difficult time.

Over his 36 years of service to the Senate, the most ever for a Michigan Senator, Carl made an immeasurable impact. He served as the chairman of not just one, but two extremely powerful committees. He was simultaneously a zealous progressive voice in the Senate and one of its most bipartisan